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SUBJ UPU CONGRESS--EXPULSION PORTUGAL/GUINEA BISSAU

1. UNDERSTAND AFRICAN CAUCUS INTEND TO DELAY ACTION ON RESOLUTION EXPELLING PORTUGAL FROM CONGRESS AND FROM UPU UNTIL FAVORABLE ACTION TAKEN BY CONGRESS ON MEMBERSHIP GUINEA-BISSAU.

2. PORTUGAL INTENDS ABSTAIN ON BOTH MEMBERSHIP AND OBSERVER ISSUES AND INDICATES IT WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OBJECT TO VOTE BY ACCLAMATION.

3. ROMANIANS HAVE INFORMED US THAT THEY INTEND SEEK SOLUTION BY ACCLAMATION ON BOTH OBSERVER AND MEMBERSHIP ISSUES. THEY CONSIDER THAT SINCE MEMBERSHIP MUST BE PASSED BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY THERE IS DANGER THAT THERE WILL BE ENOUGH ABSTENTIONS TO KEEP GUINEA BISSAU OUT OF UPU. IN THIS EVENTUALITY, THEY SUGGEST AFRICANS WOULD INEVITABLY PROCEED WITH PROPOSAL TO OUST PORTUGAL FROM UPU.

4. UK TOGETHER WITH OTHER WE DELEGATIONS SAY ACCLAMATION

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PROCEDURE "UNCONSTITUTIONAL" AND INDICATE THAT THEY WILL MAKE

STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT. NONE OF THEM, HOWEVER, INDICATE THEY WOULD CALL FOR A VOTE IF ACCLAMATION WERE PROPOSED.

5. USDEL IN ALMOST CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH PROTUGESE HAS INDICATED AD REFERENDUM THEY WOULD FOLLOW PORTUGAL'S LEAD IN CASE OF VOTE, I.E. ABSTENTION ON BOTH OBSERVER AND MEMBERSHIP ISSUES. SINCE, HOWEVER, THERE IS POSSIBILITY THAT ABSTENTIONS ON MEMBERSHIP VOTE WOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO KEEP GUINEA BISSAU OUT, USDEL REQUESTS GUIDANCE.

6. AGENDA ITEM LIKELY COME UP SATURDAY MORNING, MAY 25 BUT CERTAINLY NO LATER THAN MONDAY A.M.ABRAMS

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